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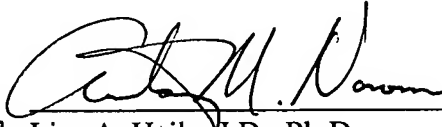
By the present communication, claims 8, 13-17, 23 and 24 have been amended, and claim 25 has been added. The amendments merely address formalities, being fully supported by the specification and claims as originally filed, and, therefore, do not add new matter. Support for new claim 25 may be found in claim 12 as originally filed. Accordingly, upon entry of the present amendment, claims 1-11 and 13-25 will be pending.

It is submitted that the claims are in condition for allowance, and a notice to that effect respectfully is requested. The Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative if there are any questions relating to this application.

No fee is believed to be due in connection with filing this paper. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any other fees associated with the filing submitted herewith, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 07-1896 referencing the above-identified attorney docket number. A duplicate copy of the Transmittal Sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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